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The above-identified patent application is amended to make reference to the noted co-pending applications. Each of the applications is assigned to the common assignee, and each relates to fluorescent polymeric articles. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing preliminary amendment does not add new matter to the disclosure. This amendment to add a cross-reference to co-pending applications is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

Submitted herewith is a separate page with the paragraph to be added in "clean form" as is believed to be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii).

Although it is believed no fee is associated with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary for the proper filing of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 10-1202.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

Reference is made to the following applications, each of which is co-pending with the instant application: U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,438, filed November 9, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,439, filed November 9, 2000; U.S. Serial No. 09/710,560, filed November 9, 2000; and U.S. Serial No. 09/709,921, filed November 10, 2000.